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Two Weeks Before Election.

abnormally, mixed as they are to-day, a branches of the government. fortnight before the general election.

just what is coming to it,

doctrines, the maneuvering for position, greater than ever before. and the raising of disturbing questions Another pertinent feature of Gen. to inspire the country's confidence.

it upon its better behavior, we entertain behalf of a civil service retired list. not the shadow of a doubt.

That the chastisement of its adversary

for real service to a perplexed, overagitated, and impatient country.

College Training and Journalism. The San Francisco Argonaut publishes

Journalism' which is about as rabid an self is a contribution to clerical efficiency anti-college utterance as we have seen for a long time.

"In recruiting our service," says the Argonaut, speaking of its own experi- the crooks. ence, "trial has again and again been made of the college-trained youth, but never with any approach to success."

If these remarks applied with equal most significant.

shown. The New York Sun recruits its lege, but proposes a change in form. and the same is true of the working being defrauded.

staffs of the Washington press. the newly established schools of journal-

nalism are plowing a new field. Some

not untruthfully, with receiving into its fold many young men who have had varied but unsuccessful experience in othing but campaign material dissemithe rolling stone gathers no moss, the roving young man gathers a great deal of valuable material for future use in

newspaper writing."

recruiting their workers for a long time tioned for and used.

these men. college or out of college, a real knowl- so expensive to run. edge of facts and affairs which colleges As it is now, the whole franking privigive their students, according to their

varying capacities. As the Courier-Journal puts it, "Knowl-.\$4.80 per year write must be gained by conscientious\$2.00 per year study, that may well be begun in college, but must be continued throughout life."

> Break, break, break, on thy cold, gray rocks, oh, sea!

But a little political silence would make us just chortle with glee.

Retirement of Clerks.

Cogent reasons for the betterment of ployes of the government are to be just a common statesman. found in the annual report of the Commissary General of the Army. That offidealing with the purely military aspects run the family. of his bureau, to the circumstances attending the clerks of his office. His re-Never in all American history have they are made in behalf of, the clerks away from her. If she is wise, she will political conditions been so strangely and of all the bureaus in other executive put Miguel to work.

General Sharpe points out the difficulty Each succeeding development of the of retaining the best clerks, five of whom campaign—apathetic, save in spots—has resigned from his office this year—two to when her husband, after battling with a only tended to make confusion worse con- take advantage of better opportunities in burglar, got him down on the floor, yelled founded. The party in power may possi- the business world and three going to to him, 'Don't cut his throat, John; the denburg, who placed the royal Prussian is possible in American politics, especially salaries are paid, and where the chance careful housewife for yez." in this unprecedented era of independent of promotion is greater than in the War thinking—but if party disaster be now Department. This calls attention to the Clark's idea of admitting everything free. averted it will be a marvelous denoue- lack of uniformity which prevails in the tively warring upon and discrediting itself tunities for advancement. It is urged by long enough. all these months past and up to the very Gen. Sharpe that Congress enact what is eve of the election, has steadily, persist- known as the reclassification bill, which tently, and, it even seems, deliberately has been reported to the House, and invited defeat. And we do not mind ex- which will go far toward improving a through her nostrils. pressing the opinion, without assuming deplorable situation. The salaries paid in the role of a prophet, that it will get the Federal civil service are based on the law of 1853, and the average pay of The achievements of the administra- the clerical force has not changed mation, unequaled in any similar time in terfally since then, while, as Gen. Sharpe the past, have been allowed to go for remarks, the work has become more comnaught, largely, in the factional strug- plex and widely ramified and the respongles, the enunciation of un-Republican sibilities and exactions of the service are

incident to 1912. The campaign on the Sharpe's remarks on the condition of the Republican side is full of inconsistencies. clerical force is his eloquent appeal in country will insist on buying new geog- a former proprietor. That degenerate From the Philadelphia Public Ledger. There has been little in it from the start behalf of a measure providing for the raphies just because a mountain has been son of a noble family was a parson by As to how large an opposition majority nuated employes of the government. The on, agents. will be created in the House, the number comment made by Gen. Sharpe in this dwelling house. The unpatriotic event ing more along these lines than to term a certain judge "jackass and crook." The mained silent, and had an annoying way ships had no guns which could fire dispensed in 1776. governors will be chosen as the result of prospect of an uninterrupted career as Oh, you Cubs! internecine Republican strife, we do not such. Gen. Sharpe has provided in a venture to guess. That the size of the succinct way and in tangible, and what upheaval will suffice, however, to bring ought to be convincing, form the reathe warring party to its senses and put sons that justify Congressional action in

The provision would for instance, atwill teach the Democratic party wisdom, induce the qualified clerk to remain; it give it enduring strength, and lead to its would automatically eliminate those complete rehabilitation, we devoutly hope whose efficiency has been impaired by This is an epoch-making period in the younger and more vigorous men; it would alibi for his wife. Nation's affairs, and never before in its afford an assurance of future mainteconstructive progress has it stood nance of families at a time when the never did the rising fortunes of an oppo- reduced by age or disability; it would the vox populi. sition party offer so rich an opportunity remove the anxiety and apprehension of discharge for protracted illness, and it would be in the line of the practice adopted by the railroads, corporations. An amateur actor, according to Lew and commercial houses, who find it worth Fields, is a man who acts to please him- while to recognize and reward long and new cure, some other doctor discovers self, no matter how much the audience faithful service by retirement, and who a new disease. have made that provision as a good business investment.

It would be all this that Gen. Sharpe points out, and more. There would be a an editorial on "College Education and contentment of individuals, which in it-

Boss Cox may be going to New York to help his friend Col. Roosevelt cinch

To Abolish the Frank.

Postmaster General Frank H. Hitchcock, who has declared that he is going to force to other newspapers and magazines wipe out the annual deficit in postal representative of journalism in its higher revenues, and, among other things, hopes rank in this country, they would be to establish 1-cent domestic postage now proposes to recommend to Congress That they do not apply to the greater the ablition of the frank. He does not newspapers and periodicals is easily hope to do away with the franking privi-

men almost entirely from college-trained There can be no doubt that the men. It is neither dull nor badly writ- franking privilege has been most seriten. College graduates also hold a num- ously abused. It is not too much to say ber of subordinate positions on the Times that it has been used to defraud the govand the Tribune, of the same city. Not a ernment out of a great deal of money, few of the Washington correspondents and the worst of it is that every one who are college trained, and are none the receives an improperly franked package worse newspaper men on that account; or letter realizes that the government is for her birthday."

Mr. Henry Watterson, in speaking of knowledge—that under the present sys-We know-it is a matter of comm ism in various State universities, says: the purposes for which it was originally tem the frank has been diverted from "Colleges that set out to teach jour-designed. We have had Congressmen of them, no doubt, offer less useful in- sending typewriters through the mails the villager. struction than they will when they have under their frank; others have used the seeing the windmill in motion. learned more about the subject upon which they give instruction, but it is not reasonable to believe that the young Christmas presents to their friends, to man who would be a journalist will be handleapped by the training he receives through the medium of a special course at college.

say nothing of the tons upon tons of printed speeches—printed free through special privilege at the Government Print-"Journalism is sometimes charged, and ing Office, and which, while supposedly other callings. A varied experience stores the mind with knowledge of men and behoof and emolument. All this should be affairs. Not infrequently both a sense of humor and a sense of proportion are stopped. It is petty dishonesty, unworthy developed by receiving hard knocks. If of men elected to legislate for the nation It is proposed by Postmaster General

and to issue in lieu thereof free stamps Out in Missouri the State University has to the members of Congress. This, we created a chair of journalism, with an believe, is an excellent idea. The stamps experienced newspaper man in charge should be of a special issue differentiating of the courses. The students run a them from the stamps used by the gen daily newspaper which receives a tele- eral public, and the Post-office Departgraphic press report. During the sum- ment should be required to keep a ledger mer months the students are tried out account with each individual member of mer months the students are tried out account with each individual member of regards the advantages of the respec-on the Kansas City and St. Louis news- Congress and with all government offi-tive types."

papers. Those that show natural apti- clais entitled to the free use of the mails ude for the work are given positions. for business purposes, showing just how The New Orleans dailies have been many of these free stamps are requisi-

from Tulane University and other State | If the matter is brought up in Congress, colleges. There has been no complaint it is not improbable that some agreeof the character of the work done by ment may be reached as to just how much free postage a member of Con-The study of history, economics, lan- gress is entitled to each year and stamps guages, literature, political science, and to that amount can be issued. Such a plan officer is present. But an incident closely probabilities, may be dismissed from other subjects included in the college would certainly cut down enormously course gives a man a broad interest in the amount of mail matter, packages and the endlessly varied topics which a good pamphlets, and what not that are now newspaper presents to its readers. Before being hauled around the country at the attaining any real eminence in his pro- expense of the Post-office Department.

lege is a form of petty graft that should not be tolerated, and if Postmaster General Hitchcock succeeds in eliminating it, country.

Speaking of paradoxes, it is being freely predicted that certain candidates are going to be snowed under by a landslide.

If marriage is a failure, some of our actor folk must be in danger of bankruptcy.

What is especially needed at this time is an infallible virus test to tell whether the conditions attending the clerical em- a public man is a tool, a demagogue, or

An article that is popular in many newspapers just now is entitled "How to cer, Brig, Gen. Henry G. Sharpe, devotes run the furnace." Somebody will make a admiral, who was slain on the night a liberal portion of his report, otherwise big hit by telling how to let the furnace

Miss Anita Stewart, the American helress who married Prince Miguel of Bramarks would apply equally well to, as ganza, suddenly finds the title taken

> Charlie Gaston says: "What I like about there was a woman out in Joplin who,

They say that it would be impossible to government walk? It has been running divine-right speech.

Gertrude Atherton is quite sure a woman can smoke cigarettes and be a lady. Not if she blows the smoke out

It is discovered now that there is such a thing as airsickness as well as seasickness, but the political orators are 'mmune from the former. The Tacoma papers kept on yelling,

"Watch Tacoma grow." To show the ripe influence of the press, people watched figures had been padded. Many a school board throughout the

square deal. No mere outsider has the

The Chicago Post's fashion editor speaks of the womanly woman in fine broadtract a better class of employes and cloth. Well, we have seen some very womanly women in gingham aprons and

The main trouble with Crippen seemed age or infirmity, and serve to introduce to be that he could not establish an

worries over the present. Every time some doctor invents a

Whatever may be the outcome of the New York elections, the Outlook is favorable to the Republicans.

A LITTLE NONSENSE.

A NEGLECTED FIELD.

The wealthy ladies starve and lace And thin their blood: And some are blue about the face For want of food

The wealthy ladies rush about, Go late to bed. The winter finds them all worn out And nearly dead.

We common people really shirk Our duties, which Would seem to point to welfare work Among the rich.

Overdid It.

"Why all this gloom at Plunkville?" "There wasn't enough bizness for the erchants we had."

"We padded our census returns, and our new merchants have moved in.'

Better Be Cautious, "I think I'll get my wife a golf outfit 'If you do, you'll have to send her

South for the winter." In Holland.

"What is this? A windmill run by steam, eh? What's the idea?" "We have to have power," explained "All the

> The Apprehensive Man. Nothing happens; yet he's in Constant fright He has always fearful been

Lest it might. His One Need. "Then you think the Indian doesn't

need civilizing?" "Certainly not. With its blankets and eadwork, his tepee looks like the regulation cozy corner now. All the Indian needs is a chafing dish."

No Duplicates. "Everybody gave me exactly what I

"Then why this discontent?" "Oh, I'd like to have the fun of exnanging a few things."

A Fixture. "I guess the airship is here to stay." "Why so?" "I see they have begun to quarrel as

BAND ATTENDED, BUT DID NOT PLAY

The West Point cadets' unique method of punishing a superior by maintaining silence in his presence while at dinner is a thing which is impossible in the Brtish army, because silence is the one thing enjoined on the rank and file when an tion of their desire, without a study of akin to it occurred at Gibraltar in the serious consideration. Those who try eighteenth century.

The governor had made himself someis said the Nineteenth Foot. He ordered fession, the journalist must acquire, in and which help to make that department his residence, but the colonel demurred. the regimental band to attend a ball at The general insisted, hinting at his military powers over the musicians. The of the forecasters are agreed is the colonel thereupon sent the men, but not great degree of existent political una single instrument! In those days the officers of each regiment practically ranks of the party in present control of to submit to the rebuff of silence.

On the other hand it was a refusal to be active, not in sound but in movement, that brought disaster to the old Seventyseventh Regiment in 1783. When ordered to India under Col. Charles Gordon, they resolutely refused to move, declaring in

a barrack room ditty: If we were to fight with France or Spain, With pleasure we would cross the Main; But, for like bullocks to be slain— Our Highland blood abhors it.

The matter reached Parliament, and the regiment was disbanded. In presenting the city of Kiel recently

with a statue of Coligny, the French Paris, Emperor William of Germany said that he did so because he was "indirectly" descended from that famous Huguenot.

The descent, however, is direct enough It dates from the eldest daughter of the famous admiral, Louise de Colligny, who having lost her first husband in that terwomen is their fine consistency. I see of the Netherlands, who likewise was rible night, married William the Silent murdered almost in her very arms, The grandson of that union was Fried-

bly escape disaster at the polls-anything other departments where more liberal blood will spoil the carpet.' There is a crown upon his head as first King of Prussia, being crowned at Koenigsberg in 1701 in the very palace where recently one of his succesors, Emperor William, moved by the proud recollections kindled ment, impossible of rational explanation. government departments regarding the run the government. Why not let the ing in that castle, delivered his recent "a dishonest Republican is almost as had

This Friedrich Wilhelm was the husand of Sophie Dorothea of Hannover, Prussia and imperial line of Germany has honest Democrat." Don't the Det descended. But through this same Sophie Dorothea the British reigning house also has a direct connection with Coligny, and From the Springfield Repul as a matter of course the House of Orleans. This has not been known generally.

Sussex. Its new owner is playing a part in that State, in striking contrast with the behavior of retirement of old and faithful superanon, agents.

discovered higher than McKinley. Come the name of Hare. He thought so little licly been called "a liar," a "dishonest scenes that were just a bit exaggerated on, agents.

modest house to live in, he might have destroyed the whole castle. For more We insist the colonel should be given a than 400 years since its construction by Sir Roger de Fines, of Agincourt fame. right to ask him any questions. The idea! the building has had no enemies save time and the above-named parson. An odd circumstance is the building of the in it castle with bricks at a time when bricks practically were unused, and in a district where good stone easily was to be had.

Among the interesting things at Hurstmonceux are the bakehouse with an oven fourteen feet in diameter and a kitchen gressive in the Senate as he is in Massatwenty-eight feet high with three immense fireplaces. Then there is the With Col. Roosevelt and Mr. Stim-'drummers' tower." From this tower in on losing their voices, the New York the eighteenth century the countryside was in greater need of statesmanship. And earning capacity of the individual is Republicans will be obliged to trust to aware from time to time of the sound of a ghostly drum that filled the souls of innocent and guilty alike with terror. A bridegroom may be concerned about After many years it was revealed that the future, but the best man usually the phantom drum merely was the shrewd invention of a gardener in league with smugglers, who used the isolated lungeons as a treasure house. The signal not only instructed the smugglers, but served to warn off all strangers and nervous excisemen.

Hanover Chapel, that bare, gray, lightsent. He was followed by a former vicar the chapel has been in the hands of dissenters, born and bred. Among its many Samuel Chandler, a friend of the still plump again I suppose we'll notice this more famous Butler of "analogy" noto-

The present structure was erected in 1817 and Dr. Collyer was its first minister. At From the Kansas City Journal. his inaugural service the Dukes of Kent and Sussex were present, and the father the word "beer" when printed in his of Queen Victoria donated an organ at the dedication of the chapel. Queen Victoria, as a child, was taken to Hanover Chapel to hear Dr. Collyer preach. For a long time the chapel was patronized by persons in high places, who were more or less out of sympathy with the established church. Its pastorate includes the names of some of the most prominent fighters in the cause of nonconformity.

A good story appears in Figaro, in connection with the recent news that a monument is being erected at Tarascon in memory of Alphonse Daudet, the French novelist, who has immortalized that quaint town by his "Tartarin." It seems the town still numbers among its inhabitants some almost, if not quite, as ec-

centric as the renowned Tartarin. The story is that a Tarasconnais recently arrived at the local railway station with a mule, and after purchasing a couple of tickets, gravely led the animal up the forty steps by which the platform is reached. On attempting to enter a first-class compartment he found his passage barred. He waved his two tickets into the face of the guard and tried to force his way in, but the offi-

clais proved inexorable. Exclaiming indignantly, "So many asses travel first class that I fail to see why a mule should not!" the muleteer stalked away from the train. FLANEUR. (Copyright, 1910, by McClure Newspaper Sy

Would Take a Chance.

From the Baltimore American "Would you touch tainted money?" "If I could find any ody who had it, I could touch."

POLITICAL COMMENT.

Guesswork as to November. From the Philadelphia Record.

political complexion of the Sixty-second Congress. As the day of choice approaches the guessers are very busy. Those who prophesy merely in the direc to be impartial may be unconsciously influenced by their inclinations or syr judgment. Perhaps the best guessers are the gamblers who want to stake their money on the result of the voting. ing put. Yet they are often woefully deceived. The one thing upon which the majority rest and dissatisfaction, especially in the the government

Unparliamentary Language.

Still, it is not a pleasing spectacle, by nouncing a former President as an unand in a way unjustifiable. There is a ed in whatever shade desired. more parliamentary way to challenge the made any personal charges against the Cornell professor. The professor was conof exactness which should always characof the massacre of St. Bartholomew at terize the observations of one who loves

Will the Colonel Swear Off?

From the Richmond Times-Dispatch. If the colonel should come out now and swear that he will not be a candidate for President in 1912, as some of his gang ticket in New York, under duress, and swear, more or less, when the cause is in peril?

What Gov. Stubbs Said.

From the Kansas City Star. daughter of King George I of England, the Democrats are misquoting: "A disand from them the present royal line of honest Republican is as bad as a disagree with that statement of the case?

Untroubled Over Outcome.

Mr. Gallinger, of New Hampshire, has nearly a full term of six years before Hurstmonceux, which Mr. Claude 1913. They are thus not immediately trouboth sides used to sit in the glow of the idea that airships in war will not make a Lowther has bought for the purpose of bled by Mr. Mellen's promise to take the corner grocery store fire and rehearse great difference to an army until it is it so hard that they found the census restoration and as a gift to the British Boston and Maine Railroad out from tales of the great conflict. Night after nation, is by far the grandest ruin in under the existing placements of politics

Mild in Comparison.

Within a few days the colonel has pubof the magnificent ruin consigned to his man" and an "absurd egotist." Mean- as to the carnage, or slightly modified in were lying there, and possibly drop ex-

What Is a Standpatter? From the Kansas City Journal.

"Standpat" doesn't mean stand still. "standpat" hand is one which its say. older thinks cannot be strengthened drawing cards to displace any of those

When Lodge Is Progressive. From the Kansas City St. Senator Henry Cabot Lodge would be a very useful statesman if he was as pro-

chusetts just before the election. Bad for the Candy Business From the New York Sun.

has knocked the bottom out of our business," said the man in charge of a downtown branch of a big candy concern. 'Some men who were good for at least \$10 worth of candy each week never come | warrin'. trudging past the store with a package of fruit I make up my mind their wives and daughters, or sweethearts, have taken a stand against candy. One man with a wife and four daughters who used be a splendid customer, told me the other day that he'd as soon come home ess looking building in Rye Lane, Peck- with a viper as with a five-pound box of ham, has closed its doors after a long candy, although a year ago he used to and militant carder of nonconformity. As though to emphasize its somberness, it is we notice the same difference in small though to emphasize its someorness, it is shaped like a coffin. As a meeting place shaped like a coffin. As a meeting place to women employed in offices. There's not half the number of calls for it dates back to 1650, when Rev. John half-pound boxes, though our sales of Maynard, forced by religious intolerance sweet chocolate are always big, as lots Mexico. to resign as vicar of Camberwell, took up of business women nibble it instead of his abode at a place called to this day taking a regular luncheon. The con-Meeting House Lane, and preached dis- tinual running in of office boys to execute ommissions for the stenographers and of Axminster and by one who served be- telephone operators is getting to be a fore at Benenden, in Kent. Since then thing of the past, and lemon drops are about the only sweets these business girls to be dead set against gaining an ounce well-known ministers was the famous Dr. of flesh, and until it is fashionable to be

difference in sales. The Editor's Reason.

A certain Kansas editor always puts paper in quotations marks.

'Why do you do that?" a subscriber asked him 'It is for the same reason," he replied, "that we put quotation marks around the word 'ghost.' We don't believe there

are any ghosts. A Different Proposition.

From the Houston Post. The colonel is discovering that hunting the dikdik in Africa and the Dix-Dix in New York are entirely different occupations.

A Mystery.

From the Houston Post, "A Boston widow advertises that she wishes to marry a St. Louis man." "Does she say why?"

DEMAND FOR HUMAN HAIR.

English Manufacturers Now Weav ing Cloth Entirely of It. from Daily Consular and Trade Reports, Anybody can make a guess as to the

The market in human hair is a subject England.

y much larger than is generally sup- vote for Stimson. osed; indeed, one textile manufacturer n Bradford stated that he could purchase what obnoxicus to a certain regiment-it pathics, and thus put forth a warped 40 tons of it whenever he wished. It to dispose of the colonel. In the Wall

Wig makers and ladies' hairdressers are fashion is for ladies to wear extensive candidate by Wall street that's going to used for this purpose probably comes from the Continent, Bohemia being an antities are also received from China. The Chinese hair is usually intensely say that in a week or ten days there will any means, to hold a Cornell professor black, and as its color detracts from the not be a penny of Dix coin in sight. standing upon a public platform and de- value, it is bleached with hydrogen perox- Republicans will enter upon a whirlwind ide. The hair is then sorted according to campaign the like of which mitigated liar. It is harsh and uncouth, its length and grade, and dyed and finish. has never before witnessed in all its po-

A British textile journal recently stated tradicting statements made by the colonel with reference to public matters. We and of oil-press cloths, or perhaps of carope it will not become the custom to pets, might find enployment for the subcall the colonel a liar every time he stance, but that there are no fabrics promakes an assertion that lacks that degree fessedly made of it solely, its use being joke that you laugh at most heartily? seem to think he will, very few people would believe him. He would probably take such an oath as that suggested in take such an oath as that suggested in the control of the required thickness, and is then woven into a fability take such an oath as that suggested in the control of the required thickness, and is then woven into a fability take such an oath as that suggested in the control of the required thickness, and is then woven into a fability take such an oath as that suggested in the control of the required thickness, and is then woven into a fability take such an oath as that suggested in the control of the required thickness, and is then woven into a fability take such an oath as that suggested in the control of the required thickness, and is then woven into a fability take such an oath as that suggested in the control of the required thickness, and is then woven into a fability take such an oath as that suggested in the control of the required thickness. the interest of the so-called Republican lengths up to 90 yards. No dyeing is per-ed him to do battle with his fell afterward claim that it was done for a righteous purpose and with a mental reservation. Besides, what is one little and reservation at sight. If the counterfeit ghost of the righteous purpose and with a mental intended for interlinings for men's wear, down two flights of stairs with only oruncreasable. The sample forwarded (and filed for public inspection at the Bureau at the first shock, some practical jojker filed for public inspection at the of an of Manufactures)) is somewhat of an may reform for life.

"The point is that in every joke, told the point is th The Democratic orators and newspapers experimental weave, and different weights are quoting Gov. Stubbs as saying that or thicknesses can be made to suit the or printed, somebody must appear disdemand. This fabric may therefore super- comfited, otherwise it is pointless. as a Democrat." In the printed copy of sede the coat canvas made of linen, even the fiction toke must not be carried the Stubbs speech, given out before it was formerly used for interlinings, or the delivered, is found the statement which more modern hair canvas made of cotton warp and hair weft.

A MEXICAN WAR STORY.

Rainstorm He Ever Heerd Tell Of" Joe M. Chapple, in the National Magazine.

Danville, Ky., recruited levies for both him in the United States Senate, and the Union and Confederate causes, and Mr. Burnham's term does not expire until after the war was over the veterans of night they would convene here to ex- ing together in a practical way, patiate on the dreadful battle scenes of which they were eyewitnesses. The ad- Jarrell, ventures were aglow with romance, and tion, but its influence would not be many a hearty laugh rang out over whelming. In naval warfare airships

> of seeming bored when they launched into their best yarns. Finally, they could stand the pressure no longer; they asked artillery, will possess guns which will be him why it was that he had nothing to able to fire projectiles an immense dis

demanded "Yessir," he nodded sagely; "I was."

"What war?" "Mexican." "Good!" the crowd exclaimed in chorus. Now we'll have something new-a regu-

ar rousing story. to recall some scene of carnage that yould thrill with the days of Chapultepec r of Gen. Scott storming the Molino del

Rey. Then he shifted his quid to the If we could get some one to risk the "This feminine craze for being slender other side of his jaw, and said: 'Well, I want to tell you fellers that in that Mexican war we had some mighty great experiences. Mighty great, them was the days when they had reel I warn't in many battles myinside the door now, and when I see them | self, but I want to tell yuh I was out in a tent on a mountain down there, and there come along one of the goldarndest rain- amiable part of daisy-picker to the young torms I ever heerd tell of! And that was a rainstorm, too!" His eyes kindled as more, at the Riggs last night. burst Into the most hilarious laughter;

But the veterans were speechless with adignation when they reflected that the most thrilling stories they could recount had failed to bring a smile or word from this Mexican "coffee cooler," who became almost hysterical at the recollection of experiencing the "goldarndest rainstorm he ever heerd tell of" in a tent down in

How a Cat Does It.

From the New York Mail. will eat. Every mother's daughter seems listen to the explanation offered by an the former judge rejoiced in the fact that English scientist, who insists that it there are so many German-Americans. settles the whole problem. He made an imitation cat of cardboar;, with four a great boon to our country," he said. "There are a lot of them, but I wish serve as the creature's tail. Then by there were more. dropping it from various heights he found that it would always light on its feet, the movement being controlled by the a card the first day out and, glancing ounterpoise of its tail during the fall, down it, said to the steward in other words, the cat's tail on such casions is a sort of balance pole, as bottle of seltzer, a half bottle of Nierthe squirrel's, and used much as a steiner, and a half bottle of Oppenheimer.' tight-rope walker uses a wooden pole in his spectacular exhibitions. At least,

hat is the scientist's theory. SISTER'S BEAU.

When sister's beau comes Sunday nights We always turn on all the lights, And pa and ma and Sis and me We entertain the company. He sits across the room from Sis

Our bedtime's nine o'clock, you know, (I just pretend, but do not go.)
The lights they seem too strong for him And so they turn 'em awful dim, And he sits on the couch with Sis Likethis.

- D. L. Horton, in Woman's Home Companion.

AUTUMN DAYS.

What of the days of Autumn? Do the drear Sad days of chill and falling leaf Bring to your soul but messages of grief; Remind you, only, of the fading year? Do Autumn breezes sing a dirge of fear; A psalm of life, alas, that's all too brief? Gazing at life, through the October haze,

Does your glad heart thank God for wondrous days? Summer is o'er; and soon all clothed in white. Shall shrouded be the glories of the earth, But from its slumber thro' the winter's night It shall awake, renewed to joy and mirth. This truth we learn from earth's travail and pain We, also, fall to rise; die, but to live again.

HECTOR PULLER

AT THE HOTELS.

"Everybody seems to have it 'doped' up that Roosevelt is going to lose in New York next month and that Stimson that has recently been engaging the at- will be snowed under by anywhere from ention of textile journals in Great 50,000 to 250,000 majority," said Francis Britain, says Consul Ingram, of Bradford, J. Halloran, of New York, a contractor of that city, who is at the Raleigh. Mr. The supply of this article is undoubted- Halloran says he is a Democrat, but will

"It is no doubt the ardent and burning wish of Barnes, Woodruff, and company therefore becomes of interest to ascertain street financiers and schemers they have the uses to which this article is now be- powerful allies who are only too willing to furnish them with the sinews of war.

"Mark my word, it's Wall street that's apparently the principal users, especially going to elect Stimson. In other words, at the present time when the prevailing it's the indorsement of Tammany Hall's colffures. The bulk of the human hair defeat Dix and elect Stimson, and it will not be by a narrow margin, either bet; it'll be in the neighborhood of 75,000. "There may be Dix money without especially productive district, but large takers on the curb at this time," concluded Mr. Halloran,

litical history.' Dr. Samuel S. Goodman, of Pittsburg, veracity of men who are careless of facts. Moreover, the colonel had not that as human hair was not so rank and who is at the Arlington, upon looking out stout a growth as to lend itself for use of the window and seeing a man slip on like horse-hair in haircloth weaving, it is the sidewalk opposite the hotel, observed of the man. Dr. Goodman made this obconfined to a blend with other materials. The one in which some person other manufacturer in Bradford-possibly the than yourself gets worsted to the greatest only one as yet in this country-is now degree of discomfort short of permanent weaving a cloth made entirely (warp and injury. Ask yourself why it is that when weft) of human hair. The hair, which is you see a man fall in a slippery street usually of a staple or length of from 10 you laugh, regardless of his hurts, while to 12 inches after being thoroughly disin- if a dray horse falls ever so lightly in fected, is spun into a yarn of the required harness your sympathy is awake in a formed, the fabric being of the natural at sight. If the counterfelt ghost of the and possesses the advantages of being dinary cuts and bruises, and thereafter absolutely unbreakable, unshrinkable, and to run a mile, breathless, to the nearest

> too far in its discomfiting results, or the intellect revolts at it. In its last analysis the practical joke thus appears to be more or less morbid in any of its forms At the same time, it has been said the person who has no appreciation of the orous situation in life must be classed Veterans's Tale of the "Goldarnest with a type which has no surplus imagination with which to play.

Capt. Hershey H. Jarrell, of Liverpool, England, who is at the New Willard, speaking of airships, said that he thorpossible to have a number of them work-

"Even a single machine," said Capt "may gain important informacould do immense damage, so long as the "I am certain, however, that in a few

"Warn't yuh in the war?" they tance straight up in the air. That will revolutionize fighting, and will have as great an effect as the submarine has had in sea battles. "I do not expect to see battles in the

air between fleets of airships as yet." said Capt. Jarrell, "but I suppose it will "I have myself a number of models, John puckered his mouth, shifted his some of which go quite steadily in a knees, and scratched his head; he tried strong wind. No doubt some energetic inventor will discover the secret of successful flight before long. No one how-

> money we should soon have a good practical machine." "A young Irishman was exceedingly anxious to meet a certain young lady at the house of a mutual friend, who had expressed her readiness to perform the

couple," began G. M. Kelleher, of Balti 'But,' said he, anxiously, 'there is his sides shook and the tears rolled down nothing in the world so embarrassing, you know, as to meet a girl by appointment. I am sure, under the stances, I wouldn't be myself-neithe would she. Suppose, mum, you could manage it so as to let us meet at your louse some evening without either of

us being aware that the other was present.

Judge Parker's Story, Beau Broadway, in the New York Telegraph, I make no apology for confessing that I have never suspected Alton B. Parker of If you have ever asked why a falling possessing a sense of wit or humor, yet cat always lands on its feet, and if no this opinion is subject to amendment. In body has given a satisfactory answer, a three-cornered conversation recently

"'Steward, my wife and I will have a

'Beg pardon,' said the steward, 'that isn't the wine card, sir. That's the passenger list ' "My friend had imagined he was se-

lecting Rhine wines." Unheated Cars in Europe.

From the Railway Age-Gazette.

In Prussia a passenger was directed to a car where the heating apparatus was frozen up, and during the whole journey didn't get thawed out. He caught cold and brought suit for his doctor's bill. The court decided that not only had he failed to prove that the illness was due to the lack of heat in the car, but declared that the passenger had no claim to have the car heated at all, and on appeal this decision was affirmed. This is probably a continuation of the legal status which existed not so long ago on European railways, when cars were either not heated at all or so imperfectly that passengers were expected to carry wraps and enough to keep themselves comfortable, as if they were in a stage coach.

Prize Life-saving Device. From Daily Consular and Trade Reports At the Anthony Pollock exposition of

competing devices for life-saving held during the past summer at the Conservatory of Arts and Trades in Paris, the first prize was awarded to the Perrin life brace. It has air-tight pockets of the strongest rubber-layered dirigible balloon tissue, and is worn with suspenders. With a single touch cartridges of liquefied carbonic gas automatically swell the life brace into taut balloons, which fit in exact position to keep the upper part of the body out of the water for thirty-six hours.